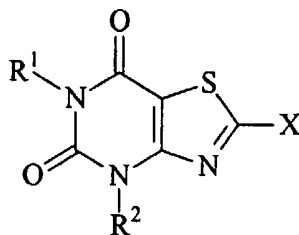


**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula (I):



(I)

wherein R<sup>1</sup> is -Z-A wherein Z is (a) C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> alkyl, optionally interrupted with 1-2 double bonds, 1-2 nonperoxide O, or 1-2 NR wherein R is individually H, phenyl, benzyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkanoyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl; (b) C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> cycloalkyl; (c) C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> cycloalkyl C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl; (d) C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aryl; or (e) C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aryl C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl;

A is N(R)<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> acyloxy, SO<sub>3</sub>H, PO<sub>4</sub>H<sub>2</sub>, N(NO)(OH), SO<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, PO(OH)NH<sub>2</sub>, OH, SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>3</sup>, tetrazolyl, or COOR<sup>3</sup> wherein R<sup>3</sup> is H, phenyl, benzyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl optionally substituted with 1-2 OR, heteroaryl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aryl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkenyl, phenyl, tetrazolyl or an amino acid residue formed by the removal of a hydrogen atom from the -COOH group of an amino acid;

R<sup>2</sup> is a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aryl C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub> alkyl or C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> heteroaryl C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub> alkyl;

X is H, halo, OR, SR, N<sub>3</sub> or N(R)<sub>2</sub>; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1 wherein Z is (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl or phenyl.
3. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1 or 2 wherein A is CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>3</sup>.